SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: But if they cannot do it this evening for any reason, they should do it at least on Monday. It is under our nose.

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : (पश्चिमी बंगाल) वाइस चेयरमैन साहब, मैं भी इस बात का समर्थन करती हूं कि इसको आना चाहिए ।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) Mr. Vice-Crairman, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. As far as the blast near Marina Hotel in Connaught Place in the early hours is concerned, the impression given by the hon. Members in the House is that the Methane gas caused the blast. It may be any other thing also I would like to submit that Government should not jump to any conclusion because my feeling, after seeing the photographs that appeared in the Press, is that the explosion seems to be of a high density. Therefore, the Government should immediately order an inquiry because Connaught Place is one area where the movement of public is so much. It seems to be a security area and the explosion took place in that area, that too in the early hours, and this leads to a suspion and therefore, I join with the hon. Members and senior leaders to demand that the Government should come forward with a statement in this House since everybody is concerned about this After a series of blasts in Punjab and along the borders of Rajasthan, now there is an escalation of militant activities in Delhi also. Therefore, we cannot rule out militants' hand in this case. Therefore, I want that the Government should come with a statement. I want that the Home Minister should enlighten the House as to what was the cause of this blast and whether this was due to bomb explosion. The Government should also take precautionary measures to prevent such things happening. Government also should take up precautionary measures. Why does it happen? It happens because New Delhi area has not been properly maintained, the sanitary conditions are not proper, water supply is not aavilable. The Hon. Members raised it in the House and they said sufficient funds were not being provided. When we say it is the capital, Government should pay more attention, provide more funds and take care of sanitary conditions so that the area can be developed.

RE. HORSE-TRADING IN MANIPUR AND SCRAPPING OF ANTI-DEFECTION LAW

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH (Manipur): Mr. Vice-Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity for raising a very important and urgent matter regarding horse-trading and scrapping of the anti-defection law in Manipur. In the recent elections, the Congress (I) secured 28 per cent of the votes and 72 per cent went against the Congress (I), Now Congress (I) being the single larger party securing 21 seats out of 60, the leader of the Congress (I) legislature party was invited...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): You cannot question the authority of the Governor.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Hon. Chairman has permitted him.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): There cannot be any insinuation against the Governor. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): He is discussing about horse-trading.

You cannot indulge in horse-trading.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) The Governor of Manipur has not done any horse-trading, to our understanding. If he had done so, that, of course is

different. Therefore, the complaint of horse-trading has to be borne by those who did it. The Governor has not done any horse-trading.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: You have accused the Govenor of

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Nobody has accused the Governor of say horse-trading. (*Interruptions*)

डॉ महेश्वर सिंह (हिमाचल प्रदेश) मंत्री जी आपको तो आपत्ति नहीं होनी चाहिए, यह तो आपका कल्चर है।(व्यवधान)

SHRI MD. SALIM: Let us talk about horse-trading first.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Yes, continue Mr. Singh.

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: I will strictly confine myself to hourse-trading and scrapping of Anti-Defection Law in Manipur, not to any Governor's Report or anything. In the matter of horse-trading (*Interruptions*) one has to know the strength of the legislature. Only in that context, I was referring to it. Out of an Assembly of 60 Congress secured 21. Now it has raised to 34 and 36. How did it do? That is horse-trading. Regarding 'horse-trading'. I do not know the definition of 'horse-tradng', but my idea is horse-trading of MLAs means purchase of MLAs or purchase of MLAs by offering ministerial berths. That might be the definition of 'horse-trading'. I do not know the academic definition. That is my impression, as I understand it....

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY You agree for removing the anti-defection law. According to the Constitution one-third Members can split. Where is the question of horse-trading? It is a Constitutional provision.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH (Maharasrtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, when a Member is making a Special Mention, why should he be disturbed every time? (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Yes, Mr. Singh.

SHRI W. KULABIDNU SINGH: I am confining myself to horse-trading.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Please be brief and conclude.

SHRI MD. SALIM: We would like to listen to Shri W. Kulabidhu Singh.

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: I am the only Member from the State of Manipur. I should get some chance to speak. Now I will confinee myself to horse-trading. From strength of 21, within a few days it has suddenly increased to 35 and 36. There might still be a Chief Minister But offering ministerial berths and offering lakhs of rupees .. (*Interruptions*) That is what I want to say.

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: This is too much.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is untrue. It is totally untrue. (*Interruptions*) This is too much. It is not true. It is totally untrue. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): If there is anything objectionable, I will expunge it. Mr. Singh, please conclude now.

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Sir, about the size of the Ministry, this House is only a 60-Member House. The size of the Ministry

should ordinarily be 10 per cent. The Chief Minister has promised that the Ministry will be as big as 31 or 32. In this way, grabbing of MLAs by such promises is there.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Please conclude now.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: There are not 120 Ministers! What are you saying?

(Interruptions)

SHRI M. D. SALIM: If the Minister wants to intervene at the end of his speech, he can intervene on behalf of the Goverment.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The Minister is also a Member of the House.

SHRI MD. SALIM: He is free to intervene. But, let him complete.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: If he makes an allegation against the Governor, the Minister has got a right to reply.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Singh, please conclude.

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Normally, the size of the Ministry should be ten per cent of the total membership of the House. A small State like Manipur may have 17 Ministers or even up to 25 Ministers. The hon. Chief Minister is promising that the size will be 30 or 32. Then the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker will be there. So, all the 34 MLAs who join the Congress benches will each get a berth. Giving such false promises is nothing but murdering democrocy, is nothing but a mockery of democracy. Now, this horsetrading should be stopped. Because of the anti-defection law, we find splinter group and splitting of parties and merger of parties. But nothing of the sort is there now. The Chief Minister was sworn in. Then he made all sorts of false promises. Sir, it is shameful to say that our Legislators jump the floor frequently. Floor-crossing is done very frequently. There should be certain norms. The procedure of merger, the procedure of splitting the party should be followed Without doing that, on the false promises of the hon. Chief Minister, the Legislators are changing sides for their own convience. Such things should be stopped, and the Central Government should not encourage this sending of big money and this giving of false promises.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Please conclude now. You have already token enough time.

SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Sir, some defector-Legislators were brought to Delhi, and between the hon. Chief Minister of Manipur and the hon. Prime Minister, those defectors were allowed to sit and their photographs were taken. On such false promises, if over-sized Ministries are formed, then democracy will be ruined in smaller States. In smaller States having 40 or 60 MLAs, by purchasing a few MLAs the Government can be formed. So, this business of big money should be stopped.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Mr. Jaipal Reddy.

SHRI MD. SALIM: Sir, let the Minister refer.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): I have called Mr. Reddy.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): I thank you, Sir, for the opportunity given to me. Sir, you must remember that as a House transcending the party barriers, we

are dealing with a very sensitive region of the country, that is the North-East. It is not a mere question of horse-trading that keeps taking place in various parts of the country. We are dealing with Manipur. The only hon. Member from Manipur here pointed out that the Congress Party got only 28 per cent of the popular vote. If by 28 per cent vote, they got a majority of seats in the Legislature, I would not grudge because...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: What is the analogy?

SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY: ... sometimes it happens.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Have patience.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Please listen to my argument. I am not entering into any debate. If by a minority percentage of vote the Cogress Party got a majority of seats, which happens under our system sometimes, one would not object. The fact of the matter is that the Congress Party got only 21 seats out of 60. And how was the leader of that Party allowed to form the Government? He was given an opportunity to tempt people with all kinds of things. Is it a matter of honour for the Prime Minister to be photographed in the company of defectors? Why are we having the anti-defection law? Why do we make a mockery of the anti-defection law?

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): This Government also is a Government of defectors.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: The point is, the will of the people of Manipur has been frustrated. Therefore, whenever people rise in revolt, it is we who are responsible for it and not the people.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Shri Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I fully agree with Mr. Jaipal Reddy on only one issue.. I agree that it is a very sensitive State. It is a very sensitive State. Militancy is on the rise. I agree that democratic rights have to be protected. Sir, as you konw, the Congress Party emerged as the single largest party in the Manipur elections, on the basis of which the Governor called the leader of the Congress Party to form the Government there.

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): Why was not the same thing done in U.P. where we emerged as the single largest party? Why was not Mr. Kalyan Singh called? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, without violating the anti-defection law, when some other Members come and join the Congress Party, they can join because Parliament has given the mandate. For the purpose of joining any party, one-third of the Members can come out-there can be a split—and they are entitled to join another party. Here I would like to remind Mr. Jaipal Reddy that when the Janata Dal was in power in Delhi, to dislodge the Congress Government in Manipur, Mr. George Fernandes was sent from here by the then Janata Dal Government. These people are now teaching morality to us! Mr. Kulabidhu Singh is talking so much about the Congrss Government there. He should know what his party did earlier in Manipur. Therefore, let them not teach morality to us. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Narayanasamy, you are wrong.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is not wrong. You sent Mr. Fernandes in a special helicopter. He was looking after the North-East. How much money changed hands, I know.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Narayanasamy, there was no Government there at that time.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Jaipal Reddy, kindly remember the past. Don't teach morality to us. It is a legitimate Government which has been formed in Manipur. There is no question of any horse-trading.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Mr. Naresh Yadav.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Mr. Vice-Chairman, may I have one minute?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Today is Friday.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Let him speak for one minute, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Today is Friday. Members have to go for prayer.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is a very important problem, Sir. Please give one minute each for us.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I would not refer to the post-February situation. I would talk of something which happened on the eve of the elections in February. In the last week of January, 1995, the effective strength of the Manipur Assembly was 55 or 54, but the number of Ministers was 28, i.e. more than fifty per cent of the total effective membership of the Assembly consisted of Ministers. Now, I would not like to go into the motives of why this happened. But there are certain norms which we are trying to establish in this country. There were certain norms which were laid down by the Administrative Reforms Commission that at any given moment, the total membership of the Council of Ministers should not exceed eleven per cent of the total membership of the Legislature.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Shri Naresh Yadav.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Sir, what happened in Manipur has a very great import for the country as a whole. It may so happened that at any given moment, out of the 540 Members of the Lok Sabha, one of these days, we may find that the ruling party had appointed 270 of them as Ministers. It would be an absurdity to which we are pushing the country.

श्री नरेश यादव (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, आज मैं एक ऐसा लोक-महत्व का प्रश्न सदन के सामने उपस्थित करना चाहता हूं जिसका दिल्ली से सीधा संबंध है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Mr. Vice-Chairman, I must protest. The Chair should look at both side, instead of looking at only one side. I know there is a little pain when you see towards your left.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): It is not like that.

RE. KILLINGS BY TANTRIKS

श्री नरेश यादव : (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, दिल्ली इस देश की राजधानी है । सारे देशों के राजनयिक दिल्ली में रहते हैं । दुनिया का विकास सबसे पहले दिल्ली पहुंचता है । इसलिए दिल्ली आज एक बहुत विकसित राज्य है जहाँ कि सारे प्रबुद्ध लोग रहते हैं । इन सारे प्रबुद्ध लोगो के बीच में दो दिन पहले एक बहुत ही दुखद घटना घटी है । जहां हम एक ओर विकास की ओर, चांद और तारों पर बढ़ रहे हैं, उस पर हम विजय प्राप्त कर